
Great Plains Region Briefing

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Be Still

*“Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.”
(Ps. 37:7a)*

Patience is hard to come by. Our expectations have been schooled in a world that expects instant gratification. We will not wait for service in a restaurant, and so we have fast food. We will not wait for marriage, and so we have fornication. We will not wait for death, and so we have euthanasia.

Often, we will not wait for God either. But whenever we refuse to wait for him, we invite disappointment. Things go wrong, and when they're not immediately righted, we think God either unjust or powerless. God fails to act on our time schedule, and we assume that he doesn't know or doesn't care. David, in Psalm 37, urges us, instead, to be still.

Stillness suggests silence. When we're still, we're willing to sit quietly in the presence of the mystery that is our own life. Good things happen, even though they're undeserved. Why? Bad things rain down on us out of the blue. For what reason? Stillness means we steer clear of

superficial answers. God has a plan—so faith insists—but what makes us assume that he will necessarily let us in on it? Maybe the explanation of our circumstances will just have to wait.

I am reminded of a stanza penned by Emily Dickinson:

*I shall know why, when time is over,
And I have ceased to wonder why;
Christ will explain each separate anguish
In the fair schoolroom of the sky.*

Instead of trying to explain our pain to ourselves (which is often impossible) or explain to others the meaning of *their* pain (which is often presumption), we would be wise to wait for God who—in his perfect timing—will make all things clear. Instead of struggling to extricate ourselves from every difficulty, we might instead resign ourselves to simply rest in it. Like a man caught in quicksand, we learn the virtue of keeping still. The more we struggle, the deeper we sink. But when we keep still and wait for rescue, our dangerous descent is stopped.

In the face of unaccountable hardship and sorrow, may God grant us the grace to simply be still and wait for him with patience.

— Pastor Andy



Spring 2025 Regional Events

The New Year will be here before we know it. Mark your calendar with these spring events.

- Men's Conference -March 7-8
- Regional Conference -March 24-25
- Women's Retreat - April 4-5

Pastors Prayer Retreat

December 1-4 at Timber Lakes Camp and Retreat Center.

Schedule:

10:00AM- Brunch and Corporate Prayer

5:00PM- Diner

While there is no cost to attend there are some things you will want to know in advance. Brunch is provided but all other meals are on your own. Our evening meals are a time for us to fellowship but certainly not required if you prefer to eat alone.

If you are planning to attend please let Ben know no later than **Friday, November 8th.**

If you have any questions or suggestions for our time together, I can be reached at BenRoed@gmail.com or 641-414-0037.



National Harvest Offering-November 17

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

These words of Jesus from [Matthew 9:37](#) continue to ring true today, maybe more than ever, and have become the driver for our church planting and multiplication strategy as we plan for next year and beyond.

Our vision for the coming year for church multiplication is to resource as many workers as we can to plant new churches. We will focus our funding on training and coaching.

In 2024, the Church Multiplication Training Center was revived and reimagined. Already, 35 church plant leaders and teams have started this 12-month process. The cost of nearly \$4,000 per church is covered completely by the Missionary Church thanks to the generosity of churches and individuals like you.

We are praying for even more workers in 2025. We need to be ready to train and prepare our regional leaders.

[Learn more](#)



Timber Lakes update

This month we have been able to complete several projects around the campus. Thankfully the weather has been conducive for lots of outside work.

Following are projects completed as well as the groups that we hosted in

October:

- The roof on the gym has been repaired!

- ♣ Prepping and burning of overgrowth around the campus
- ♣ The pool has been winterized and cleaned
- ♣ Horseshoe pit cleaned and repaired
- ♣ Porch repair completed on the main house
- ♣ Re-trimmed all the shop doors
- ♣ Dining Hall deep cleaned
- ♣ All life jackets have been cleaned and hung
- ♣ Cleared fallen trees around the lower pond
- ♣ Hosted True North Men's group
- ♣ Hosted Cornerstone Community Church adult group
- ♣ We hosted a beautiful wedding outside across from the lower pond



(See pictures of all our groups on our Facebook page)

All the staff here at Timber Lakes are always grateful for your prayers and support. There are several projects planned for November, weather permitting. Please help us promote our Facebook page by asking others to follow us.

STAFF OPENINGS IN THE GREAT PLAINS REGION

Northwind Church, Keewatin, MN

Northwind Church is looking for a Lead Pastor/Bi-vocational of a three year old church plant in Northern MN. To visit their website go [here](#).

Please send resume to [Tim Maki](#).

Regional Prayer Focus

ACTX NETWORK

♣ Please pray for Danny, Garrett and Brad as we pray and plan for church plants in Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota. Pray they all begin as the gospel is proclaimed and they make and multiply disciples.

1. Pastoral Cohorts would form and deeper connections would be made.
2. Complete the adoption of incoming churches.
3. The development and implementation of an internship program to develop young leaders.



4. Pray for disciples to be made and disciple-making communities & churches to be formed in North Dakota.

National Prayer Focus

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOCUS — PRAYING FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

PERSONAL REFLECTION — MORE THAN CONQUERORS: “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (Romans 8:35-37).

- ✧ You are a conqueror today. Celebrate the victories you have enjoyed even during difficult times.
- ✧ Pray for those in your circle of friends who are going through difficult times that they will know the love of Christ and know that He is with them.
- ✧ Pray for those living in countries where faith in Jesus divides families and communities, that those who feel abandoned will know the love of Christ and that they will realize that they are truly conquerors through Jesus.
- ✧ Pray for those whose lives are at risk because of their faith that God will assure them of His love for them and they will know true victory in Jesus.

Specific Prayer Needs

*We want to join you in prayers of rejoicing and need. Please send any requests to greatplainsregion.mc@gmail.com or text +1-844-463-7808 to have items included here.



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